

In the Claims:

Claim 1 (canceled).

Claim 2 (previously presented): The device of Claim 20 wherein each of the dielectric layer, the diffusion barrier layer, and the blocking layer comprise epitaxial layers.

D/ **Claim 3 (previously presented):** The device of Claim 20 wherein the gate electrode comprises silicon germanium.

Claim 4 (previously presented): The device of Claim 20 wherein each of the diffusion barrier layer and the blocking layer comprise silicon.

Claim 5 (previously presented): The device of Claim 20 wherein each of the source/drain regions comprises silicon germanium.

Claim 6 (previously presented): The device of Claim 5 wherein each of the source/drain regions comprises amorphous silicon germanium.

Claim 7 (previously presented): The device of Claim 20 wherein the dielectric layer is selected from the group consisting of oxides of zircon, oxides of titanium, oxides of tantalum, and oxides of hafnium.

Claim 8 (previously presented): The device of Claim 20 wherein the blocking layer comprises less than or equal to ten atomic monolayers.

Claim 9 (previously presented): The device of Claim 20 wherein the diffusion barrier layer comprises less than or equal to ten atomic monolayers.

D\ **Claim 10 (canceled).**

Claim 11 (previously presented): The device of Claim 21 wherein the gate electrode comprises a metal.

Claim 12 (previously presented): The device of Claim 21 wherein each of the source/drain regions has a depth into the well of about 100 to about 1000 Angstroms.

Claim 13 (previously presented): The device of Claim 21 wherein the source/drain regions comprise amorphous material.

Claims 14-19 (canceled).

Claim 20 (currently amended): A semiconductor device formed on a substrate and comprising:

a well;

a channel region of first conductivity type and being in the well;

a dielectric layer overlying the channel region;

a diffusion barrier layer directly overlying and in contact with the dielectric layer, said diffusion barrier layer being a single layer;

DI a gate electrode directly overlying and in contact with the diffusion barrier layer, said gate electrode layer comprising a semiconductor material;

a blocking layer overlying the gate electrode; and

two source/drain regions of second conductivity type formed on opposite sides of the channel region.

Claim 21 (currently amended): A semiconductor device formed on a substrate and comprising:

a well, said well comprising two silicon germanium filled spaces and a remaining portion, said remaining portion of said well not comprising silicon germanium;

a channel region of first conductivity type and being in the well;

a dielectric layer overlying the channel region; and
a gate electrode overlying the dielectric layer;
wherein said two silicon germanium filled spaces comprise respective source/drain regions of second conductivity type, said respective source/drain regions being situated on opposite sides of the channel region.

Claim 22 (previously presented): A semiconductor device formed on a substrate and comprising:

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a well;
a channel region of first conductivity type and being in said well;
a dielectric layer overlying said channel region;
a diffusion barrier layer overlying said dielectric layer;
a gate electrode overlying said diffusion barrier layer;
a blocking layer overlying said gate electrode; and
two source/drain regions of second conductivity type formed on opposite sides of said channel region;

wherein each of said dielectric layer, said diffusion barrier layer, and said blocking layer comprise epitaxial layers.

Claim 23 (previously presented): The device of claim 22 wherein said gate electrode comprises silicon germanium.

Claim 24 (previously presented): The device of claim 22 wherein each of said source/drain regions comprises silicon germanium.

Claim 25 (previously presented): The device of claim 22 wherein each of said source/drain regions comprises amorphous silicon germanium.

Claim 26 (previously presented): The device of claim 22 wherein said dielectric layer is selected from the group consisting of oxides of zircon, oxides of titanium, oxides of tantalum, and oxides of hafnium.

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Claim 27 (previously presented): The device of claim 22 wherein said blocking layer comprises less than or equal to ten atomic monolayers.

Claim 28 (previously presented): The device of claim 22 wherein said diffusion barrier layer comprises less than or equal to ten atomic monolayers.
